



**CITY OF GARDNER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Gardner City Hall – Manca Annex
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MEETING

Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Due to the ongoing conditions related to the COVID 19 outbreak, the meeting will be held via Zoom Meeting. Detailed instructions for participating in the meeting via Zoom Meeting are posted at the bottom of this agenda, or can be obtained by emailing Lyndsy Butler, Conservation Agent, at lbutler@gardner-ma.gov. All documents and permit applications can be provided electronically. Please send request to lbutler@gardner-ma.gov. All persons interested in this matter, or who desire to offer testimony, are invited to participate.

Members via Zoom:

Chairman Greg Dumas, David Orwig, Michael Hermanson, Donna Lehtinen, Duncan Burns, and David Beauregard. Also on Zoom was Conservation Agent Lyndsy Butler.

Members Absent:

Norman Beauregard

MEETING – brought to Order by Chairman G. Dumas at 6:30 pm

Minutes

Vote to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 24, 2021

- Motion to approve minutes made by M. Hermanson, seconded by D. Burns.
D. Burns, abstain, G.Dumas-yes, D.Orwig-yes, D.Lehtinen-yes,
D.Beauregard-yes, M.Hermanson- yes

Request for Determination of Applicability

The Gardner Conservation Commission will hold a joint Public Meeting under MGL, Ch. 131, § 40, Wetlands Protection Act and the City of Gardner Wetlands Protection

Ordinance on the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Samiotes Consultants, for work to be conducted at 525 Parker Street, Gardner, MA 01440 (M22-627). Proposed work is to conduct exploratory testpits in 12 locations located within the buffer zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Pond.

- Steve Powers from Samiotes Consultants was present. The project is located on Parker Pond. There have been a few isolated vegetated wetlands throughout the property. An excavator will be used as they will be going down 10'. Work will be conducted within a day.
- M. Hermanson recalled that there was a filing before the commission in the past. D.Burns said that the commission had approved a project in the past for constriction.
- There is question of why the isolated wetlands have appeared. S. Powers believes that they may have been created from old foundations.
- The proposed project is to conduct 12 testpits to determine the soils and the groundwater levels. The testpits will be approximately 10-12' deep by 4-5' wide.
- G. Dumas asked why they will not be conducting borings instead. S. Powers explained that they would like to do this immediately and that although the borings would give them more information about the soils, it would take a couple of months before they can get someone out there.
- LB suggests issuing a Negative 3 Determination as the area has been disturbed and the work will not have a negative impact on the resource area.
- D. Orwig moves to close the hearing. M. Hermanson seconded. All in favor.
- D. Beauregard moves to issue a Negative 3 Determination. D. Lehtinen seconded. All in favor.

New Business

Lithuanian Club – A letter was sent to the listed owner. They will be filing an application and on the next agenda.

Ratification of Emergency Certificate issued to the DPW on 6-2-21 for breach of a beaver dam located on Lachance Street, Mahoney Brook area.

D. Burns asked if anyone has been over to 140 South Main Street as the project has been completed.

Upcoming Meetings

June 28

July 12

July 26

The next meeting will be held in person.

D. Burns moves to adjourn. D. Beauregard seconded. All in favor.